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BOOK REVIEWS.

EMPIRE AND ARMAMENT, By Jennings C. Wise, New York and London, 1916. G. P. Putnam's Sons, pp. 565.

"It is a very valuable addition to our military historical literature and indicates most intelligent and comprehensive research. It will be of great use to all who wish to make a study of our past policy with a view to forming an opinion as to what should be done in the way of preparedness for national defence. The subject of preparation is approached in a systematic and logical manner and the reader takes up this chapter of the work with a very good understanding of the reasons for a most careful consideration of this vital subject.

"The author's study of the subject of national defense must bring to all who understand that true democracies are founded upon manhood suffrage, an appreciation of the fact that with it goes, hand in hand, manhood obligation for service.

"There is not a dull sentence in the volume, so clear and simple is the style, and so well arranged and thoroughly digested is the matter. It is reasoned out with the utmost clarity, and most logically and convincingly. Nothing could be more timely than this book, and I feel sure that it will exercise a strong influence on public sentiment. It expresses the soundest common sense, and breathes the most ardent, yet most rational, patriotism."

A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF VIRGINIA, PART I. Containing the Titles of Books in the Virginia State Library Which Relate to Virginia and Virginians, the Titles of Those Books Written by Virginians and of Those Printed in Virginia. But not including the Titles of the Official Editions of the Laws, of the Journals of the Legislative Bodies, of the Reports of the Administrative Officers and Other Published Official Documents. By Earl G. Swem, Assistant Librarian, Bulletin Va. State Library, April-October 1915, Richmond 1916, pp. 767.

It would be difficult to exaggerate the importance of this book to students of any phase of Virginia life or history. The author states that it is not complete. This is a matter of course, but all interested will feel sure that in the able hands of Dr. McIlwaine the Librarian, and of Mr. Swem, it will ultimately be brought to completion. The book covers more ground than ever its comprehensive title would indicate, for, in addition to books, many magazine articles and several publications are catalogued. In order to economize space, subject titles are, as a rule, shown only in the index, the various works appearing under authors in the text.